

THE NEW

DESIGN

OF THE

Papists Detected :

OR, AN

ANSWER

To the LAST

SPEECHES

OF THE

Five Jesuits lately Executed.

VIZ,

no. White *alias* Whitebread, Willam Harcourt *alias* Har-
rison, John Gavan *alias* Gawen, Anthony Turner and
John Fenwick.

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TWo very different Opinions are continually past upon the late Executed Jesuites, and their Traiterous Accomplices, some (upon just grounds as they are well satisfied they may) disclaim against them, not only for the Horrid Treasons, of which they were convicted; and more especially for their damnable Impiety, invoking at their last hour, the dreadful Judgment of Gods Eternal Wrath after that of mans Justice impendent upon their heads and Souls, if they were not innocent as new born child, from the crimes fully proved against them, to the satisfaction of Judge, Jury, and a numerous judicious audience.

Others contrariwise either admit or suppose they may be innocent, or require clearer proof, or doubt of their guilt; and that because of those imprecations, which seem to others the highest aggravations of exalted villany. 1. Because all desperate villains do not only generally but universally practise the protestations of their innocency at death, and rarely Confess their complies or betray them, which their confessions might do.

2. These people, even in harsher terms practise and teach their disciples and penitents so at their execution to deny all and protest innocency, endeavouring to increase an *Odium* on Protestant Magistrates & Government, and to make all Flagitious persons of their Church, for want of better, pass for real Martyrs; As on the contray, it turns to their very great advantage, because nothing more advances a cause or doctrine than a Holy life and a patient death of them who own it.

As nothing more prejudices Religion, than many Criminals executed in public, and their vicious Lives who profess it. This is therefore one of the most Hellish *Matchivillian* Policies of *Rome*, to turn arguments into objections, and objections into arguments, or change by their artifices traitors into martyrs, and martyrs into traitors or Hereticks.

3. Their confessions at this time, beside the scandal, which is a crime so innoxious with them, that all grosser vices are tolerated whereby to avoid, could endanger their chiefs in custody, hazzard the whole frame of their design, discourage its conductors and followers, quail their hopes and faith, harm their worthies, betray their fame, expose to the hate of all posterity all their orders and Religious gain, or utterly defeat the whole plot, and loose the charges and counsels bestowed on it.

4. We ought more to admire at the obstinate adhesion of so many where they lodged, conversed, &c. none coming to impeach them, or for to see the truth testified against them, except *Sarah Paine*, *Mr. Jenison*, *Bedlam*, *Dugdale*, and *Francis*.

5. The impudence of those who testify *Warner* and *Oates* beyond the Seas *reland* in *Warwickshire*, *Wales*, &c. than which nothing is known to be more false.

6. The vast hope of having the wealth and power of these three Kingdoms, to protect, serve and promote them and their designs.

But let me now hear the words of their flourishing Orator *Gavan*:-
Thus he brazens it out:

As for Mr. Oates and Mr. Dugdale, who I call God to witness, have brought me by false oaths to this untimely End, I heartily forgive them.

This passage if it had been inserted before his renunciation of equivocation, pardon, absolution, dispensation, &c. I confess I am not so well read in their morals, as to know how by their own rules to digest it; for as it is a lye, it must necessarily require some absolution, or somewhat equivalent, though it had been (as he believes it;) for the best cause ever any man in his condition did lye or sin venially, and one nimble crose (if his hands were not tyed) might solve it for ought I know. And perhaps some *Pater-Nosters* of his dignified auditors, as *Pandel*, *Caryl*, &c. their confessors, or some others, might secure this poor soul from passing the dreadfull gulf of purgatory. At worst their affection and passing in Martyrdom for so excellent a cause and design: and baptism in blood did salve all the by-past infant sins, infirmities or defects of these new-born martyrs. If any of the Learned *Romanists* can help me more candidly to interpret this mans wordes I desire his assistance and pardon for intruding into mysteries scarce ever so Practised, as by these master-politicians and divines in this present case.

I cannot but acknowledge this *Gavans* whole discourse very artificially Composed; For what he affirms of his innocency, and no Guilt of any crime that needed not any pardon, &c. for the Fact was meritorious; in his words therefore there were no Equivocations so farr, And had he said, *Dugdale's* and *Oates* oaths had been malicious, he might have been more Candidly interpreted, as one who judged they had Gain, or other worldly advantages to prompt them to what they swore: but to say they were False in such particular matters of Fact as his own Conscience testifies with them to be true; For this, if his obstinate death, direction of his intention for Catholique good; or some other salvo which occurs not to me at present, amongst their many pious frauds help him not: I see not but that he is highly perjured, and his soul lost desperately, only he may possibly with the *Irish* Tory murderer repent, feel and find mercy in the rope: which that my charity may not be inferiour to his, I wish to the worst of these Villains, though towards us, we should long ere this, had not Heaven blasted their designs, have found their tender mercies to have

that the true sense and artifice of Mr. *Gawen's* speech may be rightly understood, we must observe the Method of it, and the principles of the Author.

For the method; He doth no where positively deny any matter of fact, charged against him, or his Fellows; nor that the *Pope* hath right unto or hath resumed the Kingdom of *England*; or that he hath communicated or deposed the *Kings*; or delivered to the Secular Arm, the people of *England* to be destroyed by the *French* &c. He doth only implicitly deny the matters of Fact sworn by *Oates* and *Dugdale*, when he saith their Oaths false.

But in this his assertion he promises not any sincerity, nor renounces Equivocations, nor Absolutions, &c. So that he seems purposely, and craftily to have waved that protestation where it most needed, and have usurped it where he had no need to relieve himself by it: For certainly, he might very well say (as he believed) That he was not criminal in what he did, in obedience, compliance, and concurrence with his Holiness, and the General of their Order, their Vote, sense, or sentence against our King and Kingdom. I believe, that all the *Jesuits* that ever did, shall suffer, may take their pattern from his speech, if it be not some original and directory form; as their so rigorous adhesion to the pretence of the Innocency of an unborn Child, smells very rankly of a form prescribed, from which they might not recede.

And the truth is, if we consider, 'tis of vast Importance to their Church, that every word they speak at their Death, should be made good and irrefragable to so many several sorts of men.

1. As I, *Papist Bigots*, who must be cherished in their blinde Zeal to their Church, and kept in opinion of their good Fathers Sanctity; since to them (perhaps) such foul crimes might be somewhat scandalous, and on their eyes to look about them, and consider to what strange conduct they have trusted their Souls.

2. Great persons, Favourers and Encouragers; as the Lords in the Tower, and others of Eminent quality; who would certainly have been disordered, nay, further endangered by such a confession.

3. Moderate *Papists* who should the Plot appear bare-fac'd, would by apt start at so hideous and monstrous a sight; and consequently, abandon religion that allowed such detestable Impieties.

4. The *Jansenists*, old Enemies to the *Jesuits*; who would be glad of such advantage, and never fail to upbraid them with it.

5. Simple Protestants, on whom they have designs; and to have confessed, had been for ever to have frightened them from Popery: that thus stiffly to stand it out, may gain their weak opinion of the sufferers Innocence, and that Opinion will conciliate Bitter

and that pity, engagethem some steps towards the party.

6. The *Conscious*, who will hereby be confirm'd to proceed in trayter attempts, when they see their leaders go on so courageously without bogglings; and neither discovering them, nor acknowledging their own crime but rather justifying the attempts, as well-pleasing to Heaven, when they durst so solemnly make appeals thereunto of innocence.

On all these, and divers others most cogent considerations, I see not that they could do otherwise; nor indeed, had been to be trusted by so wise a State, if they should not have been content to have received, and observed so curious a form of compurgation, as might hereafter be defended against such heretical sophisters, as my self will pass for amongst them.

If some ancient Orators were so exact, as to pen their Oration with such circumspection, that some have daied to say, the clubb might be formed from *Hercules*, sooner than one word from their context; I can very easily allow the Church of *Rome*, which is so exact and formal in every thing, have prescribed some directory to all her martyrs, according to which they are to dye, as well as she hath prescribed them Forms very rigorous, to be used and pray by; So that, there is little of ingenuity left in, or to be expected in the *Roman* world: and supposing the imposed Forms universally practis'd, it would be equally as great an impossibility to know where true Piety were in their petitions, as where truth and sincerity were in confession. The *opus operatum* lip labour and obedience, salving all to God, as well as man; and it would be as idle, as to no purpose, to pray or speak what we or others understood or meant by our ceremonies or prayers; providing the Church but understood her self, & God understood her; whilst not a Soul present, understood themselves, or one another in what they prayed, what they did, or knew whither or which way they went.

Suppose then (as we have good cause) these Jesuites had as good order and warrant for what they propose, of the design of murdering the King, as they had for that of Sir *Edm. G.* and other murders; who but men mortal, and distracted and not instructed in their principles, would expect that they should confess themselves criminal; so we imagine that our Gallies at Sea with their letters of Mart should confess themselves Pyrates, or those at Land, murderers, when they observe their Princes Orders in intestine or Forraigne Wars: If the sovereign power of Princes mutually acknowledged find such Favor, that none are hanged but have quarters with respect to their commissions, or those whom they fight under, so we may allow the supream Majesty of the Papacy acknowledged so far as ever *Europe*; to justify (though not to us hereticks, yet) to all the world, and themselves, these Acts for which they have order, Commission,

ority, humane, and divine, as good as his Title which he pretends to Crown of *England* by both those rights; and for any Catholick to not of it, were a very great heresy, and would shake the very Fundamentals of the *Roman hierarchy*, the plenary of their power & infallible conclusions in what concerns the propagation of their Kingdom and doctrine.

to demonstrate, that these Hypocritical Harrangues were directed, and described by a certain method and Formulary, be pleased to consider exactly they Tune all their pipes to one Key. For Example.

Whitebread says, I go out of the World as Innocent, & as free from any *percourt*, Innocent--of any--*Fenwick* Innocent--*Gavan*, Innocent--*Turner*—To declare upon Oath my Innocence. &c.

Whitebread, Guilt of those things laid to my Charge in this matter *percourt*--thing laid to my charge concerning the matter for which I dye. *Fenwick*--of what is laid to my charge of plotting the Kings death, subverting the Government.

Gavan, of those treasonable crimes which *Mr. Oates*, and *Mr Dugdale* swore against me.

Turner, of that horrid crime of treason with which I am falsely accused. *White*. As I came into the World from my mothers womb.

percourt, As the Child Unborn.

Turner. As the child yet unborn, & that I know nothing of it, but what I have learned from *Du*, & *Oa*. & what comes originally from them.

Turner. As the Child unborn.

Turner, As the child that is unborn.

Whitebread, No body upon Earth can authorize me so to do.

percourt. Renounce, abhor and detest license to commit perjuries, &c.

percourt. Utterly renounce pardons, dispensations for lies, perjury, regicide. makes no use of equivocation, mental reservation, material prolocution, nor dispensation from the Pope, or any else; or of any Oath of Secrecy, nor absolution in confession, or out of confession, to deny, hide, or palliate the truth, but in the plain sense which the words bear.

Whitebread, Those who have most Falsely accused me.

Gavan. *Oates*. and *Dugdale*, who (I call God to witness) by false oaths have brought me to this Untimely death.

percourt. Those which have falsely accused me, or have had any hand in my death *percourt*. Prayes God to bless (but not preserve) his Majesty temporally and Eternally.

percourt. I pray God bless his Majesty, grant him a prosperous reign and his Consort the best of Queens.

percourt. Heartily desire of God to grant him a quiet & happy but not long reign. *percourt*. God bless the King, and all the Royal Family & grant his Majesty prosperous Reign, and a Crown of Glory hereafter. Never

Whit. Never learnt, taught or believed, or on any occasion or pretence.
Ga. Never in my life, did I imagine or contrive the deposing or deposing
 the King.

Whit. To design or contrive death or Hurt to his Majesties person.

Har. We hold it in all cases unlawful to Kill or Murther any person
 much more our Lawful King now Raigning, whose Person and Territories
 dominions, &c.

Ga. Protest; nor he in particular, nor Jesuits in general, how King
 King Doctrine, utterly abhor and detest it; i. e. that it is lawful for
 any private person to kill a King, pagan, or Tyrant; but on the contrary
 all are bound to defend and preserve him.

Fen. Are ready to defend against any Opponent.

Whit. His Sacred person to the uttermost of their power.

Th. Should have discovered such a devilish Treason to the civil Magistrate.

Whit. This true plain sense of his Soul without equivocation, or
 reservation.

Ga. do not make use of any Euphuism, mental Reservation, or
 material Prolocution.

Fen. I do utterly renounce all Pardons and Dispensations, &c.

Whereas in their *Catholick* sense, the crimes they suffered for, were
 Treason, because the King was deposed by the *Pope*; and consequently,
 so far from needing a pardon, that they were matter of Merit.

I will say nothing of the Impudence (for so I must call it) of *Maria*
ven, in denying that any *Jesuits*, but *Mariana*, ever Advanced the
 doctrine of *Killing Heretical Kings*; whereas all that have been Converted
 in the Books of that Society, know it to be most False and whoever
 peruse that excellent Treatise of the Reverend Bishop of *Lincoln*,
 emitted on that subject, shall satisfactorily find the contrary there
 proved; and that it is not only the Tenet of the *Jesuits*, but the Doctrine
 of the *Roman Church* asserted both in Theory and Practice, by
Popes, *Councils*, eminent *Doctors*. Now if a man could, under
 Circumstances, give himself the liberty of an Assertion so notoriously
 in a matter that did not so nearly concern himself (but only the Order
 was engaged in) what Untruths can we think he would stick at
 Grand Concern, wherein he had so many Obligations to sway him.

Let not therefore the *Papists* Triumph on the Heroic Exit of
 their traitorous Martyrs, for 'tis no more than we Expected: Nor let
 weak Protestants be Scandalized, to find those that made it their principle
 to violate all Laws divine & humane in their lives, act quite contrary
 to the sentiments and deportment of all True Christians at their

Idem *maxime* *Idem*, *semper* *facit* *Idem*.